Kingsclere Allotment Management Group Newsletter September 2016

Dear Plot Holders

Welcome to all new plot holders who have taken over plots in the last year. We are the Management Group who help to liaise with the parish council on issues arising at the allotments. We do regular walk rounds and report back to Louise Porton, the Village Clerk.

Our team currently has 5 members:

Beth Theobald - Chairperson Eric Rampton Diane Tate Nicola Peach Alan Denness

However, we need more members and would welcome anyone who would like to join our group, so please get in touch. We will meet every two months for our "official" meetings.

Our main aim is to improve the allotments and ensure that all plot holders are complying with the tenancy rules and regulations. We continue to have a rolling "Wish List" of improvements such as:

- 3rd water trough in the far corner.
- Cutting back/reducing the height of boundary trees.
- Removal of large rubbish heap along the boundary fence adjacent to the public footpath/play park.

A meeting was held at the allotments along with the Parish Clerk on the $9^{\rm th}$ September 2016 to talk about plot maintenance, cultivation, graffiti, vandalism and boundary edges.

We have an allotment orchard that is situated on plot 1B(b). You are free to harvest any fruit on this plot but please take only what you need so we may all enjoy some each. This plot regularly needs to be trimmed. If you see it is getting long and are able, please spend a few minutes with your strimmer to keep it down.

The Parish Clerk will be writing to all plot holders separately, however, we would like to remind plot holders to regularly mow their paths, remove overhanging vegetation from paths and keep seed bearing weeds down so they do not blow across to neighbouring plots.

If you have a problem, complaint or experience theft from your plot it is vital that you contact the Parish Clerk. In the case of theft, please also report to the police using the 101 number.

Yours sincerely
Allotment Management Group

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